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Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$161 Million for Landscape Restoration

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda will support 21 projects across the West

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Today, the Department of the Interior announced plans to infuse \$161 million into ecosystem restoration and resilience on the nation's public lands as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda. This work, led by the Bureau of Land Management, will focus on 21 "Restoration Landscapes" across 11 western states and will range from restoring wildlife habitat in the sagebrush steppe of the high desert to re-creating wetland meadows to repairing watersheds on former industrial timberlands.

Today's announcement of funding from the Inflation Reduction Act will leverage close to \$40 million that the BLM has already deployed from the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for restoration activities](#).

"The pressures on our public lands – from invasive species, unprecedented wildfires, drought and increasing use – are being exacerbated by the climate crisis, degrading landscapes and impacting public uses. If we are going to ensure America's public lands are available to everyone, we must invest in their health," **said Secretary Deb Haaland**. "Through the President's Investing in America agenda, we will increase the ability of public lands to provide

clean water, habitat for fish and wildlife, opportunities for recreation, and other important benefits.”

“With today’s investment, we will be able to pass these lands to future generations in better shape than we find them today,” said BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning. “We’re thrilled to be able to put people to work to benefit wildlife habitat, clean water and the overall health and productivity of our public lands.”

The BLM selected the 21 [Restoration Landscapes](#) based on ecological need as well as importance to communities. These areas hold significant potential for additional cross-boundary partnerships and investments from other federal natural-resource agencies, state, Tribal and local governments, private landowners and partner groups, which could increase the scope and scale of restoration work.

Work in Restoration Landscapes will be collaborative and partnership-driven, supporting coordinated investments from across the BLM, including the fuels management, range, wildlife, forestry, aquatics and recreation programs. The BLM’s Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring Strategy will be used to monitor outcomes and ensure restoration efforts are successful and durable.



Today’s announcement follows the release of the [Department’s restoration and resilience framework](#) to leverage historic investments in climate and conservation to achieve landscape-level outcomes across the nation. The Department is implementing more than \$2 billion in investments to restore our nation’s lands and waters, which in turn is helping to meet the conservation goals set through the America the Beautiful Initiative.

President Biden’s Investing in America agenda is growing the American economy from the bottom up and middle out – by rebuilding our nation’s infrastructure, investing in nature-based solutions, and driving over \$470 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments in the United States, to creating good paying jobs and building a clean energy economy that will combat climate change and make our communities more resilient.

As the nation’s largest public lands manager, the BLM has restored millions of acres of public lands. Focusing on Restoration Landscapes allows the BLM to concentrate the new and historic funding provided by these laws to engage in partnerships more efficiently, clearly articulate the agency’s vision for public lands, and multiply the return on restoration investments on behalf the American people.

More information about each landscape restoration area can be found at [BLM’s StoryMap](#).

The Restoration Landscapes and identified funding are included below:

State	Landscape Restoration Area	IRA Funding
Alaska	Birch Creek and Fortymile Wild and Scenic Rivers 	\$5 million
Arizona	Yanawant 	\$5.59 million

Arizona	Sky Islands 	\$9.59 million
California	Cosumnes Watershed 	\$7.6 million
Colorado	North Park 	\$5 million
Colorado	San Luis Valley 	\$6.1 million
Idaho	East Idaho Rivers and Plains 	\$7.85 million
Idaho	Snake River Plain 	\$10 million
Idaho	Upper Salmon River 	\$9.1 million
Montana	Blackfoot-Clark Fork 	\$9.54 million
Montana	The Hi-line Sagebrush Anchor 	\$6.76 million
Montana	Missouri Headwaters 	\$9.98 million
New Mexico	Lower Pecos Restoration 	\$7.6 million
Nevada	Humboldt/O'Neil Basin 	\$6 million
Nevada	Montana Mountains 	\$6 million
Oregon	Southwest Oregon 	\$5 million
Oregon	Southeast Oregon Sagebrush 	\$5 million
Utah	Upper Bear River 	\$9.6 million
Utah	Color Country Converging 	\$9.73 million
Wyoming	LaBarge 	\$10 million
Wyoming	Muddy Creek 	\$10 million

News conference can be found here -- <https://youtu.be/sOjtZDolzuY>.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 western states, including Alaska, on behalf of the American people. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. Our mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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